

## **IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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A control device (14) includes ~~means~~ a transmitter for outputting a request signal (~~Sr~~) to an electronic key (12) in response to the ON operation of a predetermined switch (start switch (70)) among a plurality of switches (winker switch, horn switch, etc.) arranged in the vicinity of a user who has sat on the driver seat of the vehicle (~~(100B)~~) (request signal ~~generation means~~ (~~80~~) generator, a transmission circuit (46), and a transmission antenna (72)), ~~means~~ a detector for detecting a response signal (~~Sa~~) from the electronic key (12) (a reception circuit (44) and response signal matching ~~means~~ (~~82~~) device), and ~~monitoring means~~ (~~84~~) for outputting a lock release instruction to an actuator (64) when the response signal (~~Sa~~) shows that the request is from a regular or proper user.